

# Burch Named Director of Re-entry

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Commissioner J. David Donahue

Indianapolis, Indianapolis - (April 26, 2007) - J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction, has appointed David S. Burch as Director of Re-entry effective Monday, April 30, 2007.

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Most recently, Mr. Burch served as the Director of Case Management for the Department. During the past year, Burch developed and implemented statewide training protocols for delivery of Case Management Services across the state. He also provided National Training to correctional professionals and members of law enforcement to profile the roadmap of offender re-entry in Indiana.

In April, Mr. Burch presented at the 2007 National Offender Workforce Development Conference in Charlotte, NC, to over 600 attendees nation-wide. The presentation focused on the innovative solutions Indiana has introduced in its prison system which are now becoming a national model, including the nation's first re-entry facility, methamphetamine-focused treatment and faith- and character-based solutions.

Prior to joining the Department, Burch served as the Operations Manager at Liberty Hall in Indianapolis. His role in this position included responding to proposals from the Bureau of Prisons and Marion County Sheriffs Department, serving as the Chairman of Disciplinary Hearing Board and providing

operational oversight in the following areas: transportation, counts, crisis intervention, protocols and work release policies and procedures.

Burch began his career in 1996 as the Residential & Facility Manager Volunteers of America, Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was responsible for the operations of an 80-bed work release facility. He also governed the American Correctional Association (ACA) data collection.,

Burch follows Randy Focken, who left the Department in March 2007 to pursue other opportunities.

"I am excited about the opportunity to further enhance the re-entry initiative and position Indiana as the national model for offender re-entry under Commissioner J. David Donahue's leadership," said David Burch.

Mr. Burch received a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan in 2005, and plans to complete a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) this year.

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